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**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

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- ☒ **Response to Amendment**
- ☒ **Exhibit A-1, A-2, A-3, and A-4 (8 pages)**
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2003, and the Telephonic Interview conducted on March 5, 2004 with Examiners Blanchard and Helms, Assignee's representative Dr. Jonathan Skipper, and Applicant's representatives John Van Amsterdam and Marie Jepson, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this amendment.